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Public Safety Budget (excluding Fire Department) 2013-14

The non fire department portion of the Public Safety Budget is respectfully presented as follows:

Ambulance – By contract, we pay County Ambulance \$7.75 per person based on the 2000 census (1,602). That works out to \$12,415.50. This price is good through FY 2015.

Dispatch – We had been under the impression at this time last year that we would no longer have to pay an additional fee to have the fire department dispatched by the Hancock County RCC. Alas, the County Commissioners changed their minds at the last minute. The actual cost for calendar year 2012 is 2,883.60. Because the county's fiscal year varies from ours, it's difficult to estimate for our fiscal year. We will pay half of the CY 2013 cost when we're billed in January and the other half of CY 13 in July. We do not know the cost of the CY 13 cost, nor do we know the cost of CY 14. The best guess is that \$3,200 should be sufficient to cover this.

Animal Control – This is a self funding line (usually) through dog licensing fees. Expenses vary depending on the number of complaints the ACO has to handle and the number of strays boarded in Ellsworth. The \$1,500 estimates is based on the previous two years. During the past 5-years we had a major rabies incident which required inoculation for the ACO which spiked the cost.

Respectfully submitted,

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